



## INSURANCES.

REDUCTION  
IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR  
FIRE INSURANCE.

THE Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY to Reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and Effects, therein contained.

In cases of Dwelling-Houses removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be *Three-quarters per cent.* in place of *One per cent.* per annum as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, so situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to *One-half per cent.*

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ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, November 9, 1868.

LIFE ASSURANCE.

(THE Undersigned have received Authority by a recent Mail to issue LIFE Policies for amounts not exceeding £1000 without reference to the Head-Office, as is most conveniently required by the Board.)

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, January 6, 1868.

NOTE.—

THE Undersigned having received extended limits from THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY, are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz.:

On any first-class Building, or on Goods stored therein, in Hongkong, £6000;—Macao, £4500;

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, June 17, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

LIFE AND FIRE.  
CAPITAL, £2,000,000.

£2 per cent. per annum Bonus declared £2 during the last Fifteen Years on the participating Policies of Two Years standing.

The utmost liberality practised in the settlement of all Claims, with the representatives of deceased Assurers.

Any sum for any sum not exceeding £1000 will be paid with the Undersigned without reference to Head-quarters.

By special authority of the Board, Claims are settled at once by the Undersigned without reference to England.

Less to Medical Referees, paid by the Company.

No forfeiture of Policy from unintentional mis-statement.

Premiums payable Half-yearly or Annually at the option of the Assured.

Annual Premiums for an Assurance of £1000 for the whole term of Life, including £2.10s. per cent. for Foreign Risk, which will be deducted during a visit to or a permanent residence in Europe:—

| Age. | WITHOUT<br>PARTICIPATION | WITH<br>PARTICIPATION |
|------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 15   | £3 19 8                  | £4 5 6                |
| 20   | 4 3 8                    | 4 9 4                 |
| 25   | 4 8 2                    | 4 14 2                |
| 30   | 4 13 11                  | 4 19 9                |
| 35   | 5 0 0                    | 5 6 2                 |
| 40   | 5 8 0                    | 5 14 1                |
| 45   | 5 17 11                  | 6 4 6                 |
| 50   | 6 11 7                   | 6 18 3                |
| 55   | 7 11 1                   | 8 0 4                 |
| 60   | 8 16 0                   | 9 8 7                 |

N.B.—Intermediate ages charged proportionally.

For Forms for effecting Life Assurances, and further information, apply to ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents, Hongkong, September 3, 1868.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above INSURANCE OFFICE, are prepared to accept Marine Risks, and issue Policies on any first-class Sailing-Vessel or Steamer, on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in CHINA, SINGAPORE, CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, or LONDON.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, June 17, 1868.

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3 months, 1 1/2 per cent.

6 months, 1 1/2 per cent.

12 months, 1 1/2 per cent.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, August 11, 1868.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

A DIVIDEND of (8 per cent.) Eight per cent. has been declared in the net Premium contributed to the above Association for the year ending 30th September, 1868.

Policy-holders will please send in particulars of their contributions to that date to the Undersigned.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, September 10, 1868.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on BUILDINGS and GOODS, at current rates.

ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, February 6, 1868.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

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ROB. S. WALKER & CO., Agents Royal Insurance Company, Hongkong, July 6, 1868.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named COMPANY are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS, at current rates, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and Effects, therein contained.

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## Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE.  
CONSIGNNEES of the undermentioned Goods, consigned to Order, are hereby informed that the same have been landed and stored in the Godowns of the Underwriters at Consignee's risk and expense.

Ex "Graham," from London—  
C. M. B., 1 case Merchandise.

Ex "Charlotte" from London—  
W. (in diamond) 1/10, 10 cases Merchandise, shipped by H. C. McDonald.

R. G. M. (in triangle) C. B. 15/25, 11 cases Merchandise, shipped by Cross & Blackwell.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 27, 1867.

CONSIGNNEES of  
A. P. H. 275 Barrels.

H. J. A. 18 packages Merchandise, or "SURPRISE" from New York, are hereby informed that the above mentioned Goods have been landed and stored in our Godowns at the expense and risk of the Consignees.

W. H. SMITH, ARCHER & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 30, 1867.

CONSIGNNEES of  
C. T. 13.

B. 2 bags BICHE DE MER;  
25/119, 1 bag KUM SHY, On, per "M. A. DODD" from Sydney, are informed that the same have been landed and stored at their risk and expense, by

REYNANAN BROTHERS & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 30, 1867.

CONSIGNNEES of  
C. T. 14/145/25, 25 cases Vermouth  
C. O. 1/26, 25, Do.

shipped by G. COUARD, per Eugenie, and  
from Marseilles, are hereby informed  
that the same have been landed and are  
now lying at their risk and expense in the  
Godowns of the Underwriters.

LANDSTEIN & Co.,  
Hongkong, December 11, 1867.

MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES CO.  
NOTICE.

The following cases have been landed and  
are liable at the risk and expense of the  
Consignees, who are requested to take im-  
mediate delivery:

THO. EXPLORER, 7th September.

H. M. & Co. 1, 1 case Sundries,  
Ex Tore, 5th December.

1 basket Feathers,  
C. BERTRAND,  
Principal Agent,  
Hongkong, December 19, 1867.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
THE interest and responsibility of Mr.  
A. D. MIRONOFF in our Firm, ceased  
on the 31st day of December, 1867.

A. FERGUSON & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 3, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Business of the Undersigned will be  
carried on at Peddler's Hill, Mr.  
Ensign R. Holmes having retired from  
the same.

GEO. HOLMES,  
Ship and General Broker,  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868.

NOTICE.  
THE Business will in future be carried  
on under the same Name by the Un-  
dersigned.

A. D. MITCHELL,  
J. D. MIBRAS, and  
HENRY PERKS.

Hongkong, December 10, 1867, do 16/8

NOTICE.

R. RYLE HOLME has been admitted  
a partner in our Firm.

GLOVER & Co.,  
Nagasaki, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.  
M. D. DUVRENSKYHOV, in our  
Firm ceased on the 15th instant, and the  
said Firm will be continued under the  
style of SIEBERT & CO. in Bombay, instead  
of H. M. & CO.

APPLY TO:

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,  
Hongkong, September 4, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE Business of the Undersigned, as  
Ship and Insurance Agent, etc., hitherto  
carried on by myself, will henceforward be  
conducted under the style of J. S.  
HOOK, Son & Co.

J. S. HOOK,  
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE Engagement ceases in May next,  
A. S. my Engagement, ceases for the past  
two years must be sent immediately for  
payment:

MARY HASTELLOW RANDLE,  
Superintendent,  
Diocesan School,  
Hongkong, January 2, 1868, 16m.

NOTICE.

M. E. MESSRS. H. P. M. WAUTELLS and H.

ALFRE UETMANS ceased to be Part-  
ners in our Firm since the 31st December  
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GAYMANS & Co.,  
Nagasaki, January 1, 1868, 1m.

NOTICE.

THE Business, as Ship and Insurance  
Agent, Consignment Agent, etc., hitherto  
carried on by myself, will henceforward be  
conducted under the style of J. S.  
HOOK, Son & Co.

J. S. HOOK,  
Hongkong, September 23, 1867.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.  
A. G. FALCONER, in our Firm, ceased  
on the 1st day of January last, and that  
Mr. James William Pearce has purchased  
the said Business and will in future carry  
on the same under the style or firm of  
J. W. Pearce & Co.

Dated the first day of January, 1867.

J. W. PEARCE.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing be-  
tween DOMINGO DO ROZARIO, ALEXAN-  
DER MARZAL, JR. and ANTONIO, the Saviour  
in the Printing Office at Foochow, was  
dissolved on the 12th November, 1867.

ROZARIO & Co.

DORINDO DO ROZARIO,  
ALEXANDER MARZAL, JR.

Foochow, November 16, 1867.

NOTICE.

WITH reference to the above, the  
Business hitherto carried on by Messrs.  
ROZARIO & Co. as Printers at Foochow,  
will be conducted by the Undersigned, who  
have this day established themselves as  
Printers under the firm of ROZARIO, MAR-  
ZAL & Co.

DORINDO DO ROZARIO,  
ALEXANDER MARZAL, JR.

Foochow, November 16, 1867.

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr.  
W. A. STRICKER, in our Firm ceased  
yesterday by lapse of time.

BOYD & Co.,  
Amoy, January 1, 1868. 1ap.

NOTICE.

WE have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUDDE  
to sign our Firm from this date.

DREYER & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

NOTICE.

ROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F.  
BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the  
Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this  
Port.

S. L. PHELPS,  
agent,  
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

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## PAPERS ON CHINA.

NO. V. of this Series of Articles selected from Journals printed in the Far East, and from other sources, will be published on Monday.

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AN INTERESTING JOURNAL—THE "NOVEL." *China Mail.*  
THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. *Hankow Times.*  
CHINESE ODDS AND ENDS. *Hankow Times.*

soner of emigration, with competent foreign and native subordinates. He would have to enjoy a similar position to that of the Commissioner of Customs as regarded direct intercourse with the high Chinese authorities, and like most of them should be a man of reputation, whose character, the publicity of his proceedings, and large salary should be sufficient to guarantee high principle and fair dealing. Over the "service" thus constituted an "Inspector General of Emigration" should, in conjunction with a native of suitable rank, preside as travelling chief, his duty being to constantly visit and examine the emigration depots. The support afforded him by the provincial authorities would have to be full and unreserved, and extending to something beyond mere official courtesies. No ships should clear without his signature, and as a further precaution each vessel should carry a sub-agent to whom all arrangements, respecting the final disposal of the coolies, &c., should be confided, and who should return to head-quarters in China after fulfilling their trust. It may be said that the expenses of such a "service" would be enormous, but taking into consideration the gigantic profits of the present "trade" it does not seem that a single cash need be derived from the national exchequer. On the contrary it is probable that the provincial treasury would on the whole be a gainer.

We have thus indicated the outline of a scheme which is strongly advocated by many whose position entitles them to speak *ex cathedra*, and we strongly recommend a consideration of the question both to the Foreign Ministers and the Inspector General of Customs, whose great influence, however depreciated, is a fact to which none interested in Chinese matters can shut their eyes. If he used that influence to induce a support of any suggestions from the British or other Ministers, which will tend to the claims of both law and humanity by ensuring the comparative abolition of coolie trade iniquities, he would merit the thanks of the philanthropist, and have earned an enviable place in the history of the year.

## LOCAL.

## BURGLARIES.

Owners of property will do well, at this season of the year, to keep a sharp lookout for things movable. Several gangs of robbers, by native indolence, kidnapping would flourish to an extent hitherto unknown. We are of course assuming that the action of the native authorities would be confined to a mere removal of prohibitions and legal forms; and knowing as we do how popular such a measure would be with a class of men of diverse nationalities, and by their wealth, commanding much influence with their own officials, we see but too much reason to fear that, under the guise of protecting the relief of the over-peopled empire, some such advice may be tendered, if not by the representatives at Peking, by those brought into contact with the local officials of each province. It is probable that any such proposal would ostensibly emanate from one of more of the viceroys of the seaboard provinces, who have of late years become accessible to unprincipled adventurers to a far greater extent than heretofore. The subject is not only worth discussion but is worthy of the best efforts of philanthropic minds. And even should the paragraph in the *Recorder* which has suggested our observations be but idle rumour, the prospects held out by a well-versed scheme of free emigration are of much interest to both foreigners and natives of the empire.

It must, we think, be conceded that any scheme whereby the profits of emigration agents are in a direct ratio to the number of coolies procurable and the low rate of advance and wages to be paid them, possesses in itself the elements of fearful abuse and in fact a direct premium upon kidnapping. Assuming, which we should never seriously think of doing, that all foreigners interested acted in good faith, the employment of native "go-betweens" at once opens the door to every species of baseness, if their gains are measured by the mere production of as many human creatures who express their willingness to sign any agreement presented to them. The arguments so often urged against the system followed by all agencies save those under direct British Consular control need not be here recapitulated. It has been fully demonstrated that the evils of the coolie trade lie beyond the reach of even honest agents under other flags, and are inherent in the employment of native agency. Were Great Britain alone interested in emigration, an extension of the system we at present pursue would be sufficient. But unfortunately, a far larger number of coolies leave under flags other than British, and over them we have no jurisdiction. The sole resource to abolish the iniquity now perpetrated is to aid the Chinese government in establishing under its own control a complete and efficient system of free emigration. Nothing would be a greater blow to the mischievous proceedings which now disgrace certain parts of China, and it is doubtful whether the support of all foreign representatives would be accorded to such a proposal.

The *Cork Examiner* is highly indignant with Bishop Goss for having, in the course of an address which he recently gave in Liverpool upon the want of modesty at the women of the present day, stated that at a hall in Cork it was remarked the Roman Catholic ladies exposed more of their bosoms than the Protestant did. This charge the *Examiner* pronounces to be a libel upon its fair co-religionists, and it recommends the bishop, before he repeats it, to take the first opportunity of "personally judging" whether he has not done them a great injustice.

After the grand jury at the Cork quarter sessions had concluded their business a few days ago, it was discovered that the book upon which they had been swearing witness was not a Testament, but a copy of Thomas à Kempis, and it recommends the bishop to find equivalent for an abstract ethical idea, or the housekeeper in Hongkong to

have already reported, the circumstances under which James Young, Captain of the British barque *Neukirchen*, is in custody at Singapore on a charge of murder of Richard White, formerly second officer of that vessel. The inquest held on the body of the deceased has (according to a Straits paper) resulted in the following verdict:—

"We are of opinion that the deceased Richard White, met his death from a blow not wound inflicted by James Young in self-defence, and accordingly return a verdict of *Justifiable Homicide*."

The following is the statement made by the Captain:—

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28th Nov.—In the House of Commons last night Sir Stafford Northcote stated that the Report of the Committee appointed to consider the Ways and Means connected with Colonial Mervether's Explorations in Abyssinia was highly satisfactory.

4th Dec.—In the Times and Daily News of this morning, objection is raised to rendering the Indian Revenue chargeable with the cost of the Abyssinian Expedition. The question of the Bombay Government taking shares in the new Bank is still under the consideration of the Indian Council. Latest advices from the West Indies state that an Earthquake has occurred at the Island of St. Thomas.

29th Nov.—The Manchester Cotton Market closed very quiet. 7 lb. Shirts 8s. 2d. 8 lb. Shirts 9/6. 40 Banner Mill Twist 1/0. The sum of £160,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England to-day.

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Stock of Cotton, 405,000 (?)  
Fair Madras 4d.

## EUROPEAN SUMMARY.

(From the *L. & C. Express*, Nov. 18.)

THE ROMAN QUESTION.—Papal is apparently restored, but apprehensions are entertained of another outbreak at Rome. The French forces have not yet been withdrawn. The Pope has publicly thanked the officers of the expeditionary force. The French Government has invited the European Powers to a Conference, but the proposal is not well received.

THE HABEMUS IN THE WEST INDIES.—Full particulars of the losses not yet received. The W. I. and Pacific Co.'s steamer *Columbus* is among those lost. Both the English and French companies' wharves and warehouses at St. Thomas were totally destroyed.

FRANCE.—A change has taken place in the Cabinet. A new loan is about to be announced, for public works, &c. A secret society has been discovered, and some arrests made.

NORTH GERMANY.—The Prussian Chambers were opened by the King yesterday. The elections have resulted in a large majority for Government.

AUSTRIA.—The King and Queen of Greece have arrived in Vienna, and met with a hearty reception. The Financial Minister has made a satisfactory statement.

HOLLAND.—The Second Chamber met on the 14th. The position of the Ministry is considered critical.

ITALY.—General Moncada has issued a note, pointing out that France is bound by its promise to withdraw from Rome forthwith. More serious riots have occurred at Milan. A camp of 40,000 men is to be established at Pisa.

UNITED STATES.—The military forces in the South are to be increased, owing to the fear of a negro insurrection. Desirous, the Fenians, who escaped from Manchester, have reached New York. The yellow fever is decreasing in the Southern cities. Terrible devastations are reported by the late storm in the Mexican gulf.

MEXICO.—Juarez was elected President by a large majority, but the Opposition party is agitating for an impeachment. The remains of Maximilian have not yet been given up.

## WHY DID MAJOR MUFFIN KEEP A PARROT?

(From "Bentley's Miscellany.")

The saying hath it, "Never speak before children;" for children, notwithstanding the wise example set by their fathers and mothers, will speak the truth. Parrot, like children, are of an imitative and truth-loving nature; and in large letters we write upon this page the following caution,—

"Never speak before parrots!"

Major Muffin—why did he keep a parrot?

Major Muffin had a son, to Miss Penelope. Crab, he was a woman of metal! She was a woman of metallic influence, only of a different quality. The Major, mounted with brass, was lined, also, with copper; while Penelope, guinea-faced, had golden pocket-pockets which, in the eyes of Muffin, held mines of wealth! Miss Penelope Crab was the only daughter of a fish salesman, who dying a widow at a good old age, left her the mistress of herself and his fortune. She was now able to buy anything she fancied; and she thought of a husband.

Major Muffin had seen service, and was now living upon his honor—and half-pay.

Being a military man, he was, of course, Penelope's, on the contrary, was devout-minded, and, being a lady, swore nothing;

except when she condemned the souls of the profane, which she did at least a dozen times a day. Having now performed this office of politeness, and introduced to our readers Major Muffin and Miss Penelope Crab, we bequeath them to their mercies, while we amuse ourselves by a chat with their servants.

That master of yours appears enough to frighten a house down!" Such was the confidential communication conveyed by Deborah, for Penelope's maid had a holy name—over the arks rails to Molly, the Major's abigail. "And as for his parrot—

Here a loud chuckling voice told her to be what nobody wishes to be—and compare her at the same time to a dog. Deborah looked up and there saw Major Muffin's grey parrot mounted on the outside of his cage, whistling and shouting from the balcony.

"I should like to ring that brute's neck," said Deborah, as she gave her mop an energetic swirl! The parrot returned the favor by calling her—what she said she wasn't thinking too—but the major's parrot had a way of calling ladies in the street names they couldn't help thinking personal; and something so familiarly, they thought it must be somebody who knew them.

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On Poller's Wharf.—*WU*, from Puddler's Wharf to Gibb's Wharf.—*W*, Westward of Gibb's Wharf.—*EC*, on Puddler's Wharf to the Military Hospital.—*E*, Eastward of the Hospital.—*K*, on Kowloon side.

| Vessel's Name and Where Anchored. | Captain.      | Flag and Rig. | Tons. | Date of Arrival. | Consignees or Agents.  | Destination.      | Intended Despatch. |
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| 1857-68.                          |               |               |       |                  |                        |                   |                    |
| Dupleix                           | WC Noel       | Flag. str.    | 1080  | Dec. 28          | Messageries Imperiales | Shanghai & Yunnan |                    |
| Ganges                            | WC Gates      | Brit. str.    | 1190  | Dec. 29          | P. & O. S. N. Co       |                   | Repairing          |
| Malta                             | W. Rockin     | Brit. str.    | 900   | Sept. 17         | P. & O. S. N. Co       |                   |                    |
| Orissa                            | WC Hall       | Brit. str.    | 1646  | Dec. 24          | P. & O. S. N. Co       |                   |                    |
| Pohio                             | WC            | Prus. str.    | 1802  | Dec. 31          | John Burd & Co         | Shanghai          |                    |
| Sumwana                           | W. Jayne      | Amer. str.    | 1802  | Dec. 31          | Aug. Heard & Co        | Shanghai          |                    |
| Yankee Canning                    | W. Gottschall | Siam. str.    | 631   | Dec. 26          | Yuen Fat Hong          | Swatow, &c.       |                    |
| Volcan                            | WC Vass       | Prus. str.    | 493   | Dec. 31          | E. Schellhass & Co.    |                   |                    |
| Yesso                             | WC Ashton     | Brit. str.    | 680   | January 1        | Douglas Lapraik & Co   |                   |                    |

## SAILING VESSELS.

| Asia                 | W. Calderon    | Sal. sh.   | 977  | October 9  | Thos. Hunt & Co         |                |           |
|----------------------|----------------|------------|------|------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Bay Starlight        | WC Koch        | Brit. bg.  | 133  | Dec. 12    | John Burd & Co          |                |           |
| Bonnie Lassie        | WC Hamon       | Brit. bk.  | 353  | Dec. 14    | Arnhold Karberg & Co    | For Sale       |           |
| Brigandine           | E. Sheldon     | Brit. bk.  | 393  | Sept. 30   | Arnhold Karberg & Co    |                |           |
| Ceres                | WC Lorenzen    | Hamb. bk.  | 388  | Dec. 30    | Siemssen & Co           | Nagasaki       |           |
| Child of the Ocean   | W. Taylor      | Amer. sch. | 125  | Dec. 14    | Russell & Co            |                |           |
| Chow Sye             | W. Durand      | Siam. sh.  | 492  | Dec. 24    | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Comet                | W. Schmitz     | Siam. sh.  | 500  | Dec. 12    | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Cronkhite            | K. Robertson   | Brit. bg.  | 134  | August 11  | Smith, Archer & Co      |                |           |
| Douglas              | W. Morrison    | Brit. sh.  | 540  | Nov. 24    | Bosman & Co             |                |           |
| Eastward Ho          | W. Byrne       | Brit. sh.  | 607  | Dec. 30    | Russell & Co            | For Sale       |           |
| Elizabeth Fleming    | E. Foster      | Brit. sh.  | 727  | Nov. 13    | Jardine, Matheson & Co  | United Kingdom | Early     |
| Emigrant             | W. Escapie     | Span. str. | 530  | Dec. 24    | Order                   |                |           |
| Eligion & Adela      | EC. Neven      | Flag. str. | 583  | Dec. 30    | Landström & Co          |                |           |
| Evening Star         | W. Gyanus      | Siam. bk.  | 583  | Dec. 30    | 2 Chinese               |                |           |
| Fairy                | W. Lash        | Brit. sch. | 229  | Dec. 24    | John Burd & Co          |                |           |
| Fearless             | W. Drew        | Amer. sh.  | 900  | Dec. 7     | Russell & Co            |                |           |
| Fidelio              | W. Schulte     | Hamb. bk.  | 300  | Dec. 21    | Siemssen & Co           |                |           |
| Fooshow              | W. Wood        | Brit. bk.  | 596  | Sept. 18   | Smith, Archer & Co      |                |           |
| Fortitude            | W. Deane       | Brit. bk.  | 429  | May 24     | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Franklin             | WC. Bursley    | Amer. sh.  | 1124 | Nov. 27    | Russell & Co            |                |           |
| Freya                | W. Major       | Hamb. bk.  | 473  | Dec. 26    | O. T. Mestern           |                |           |
| Frolich              | W. Steinforde  | Hamb. bk.  | 320  | Dec. 9     | Reynvaan, Brothers & Co | Saigon         |           |
| Galatea              | W. Matfold     | Hamb. bk.  | 350  | Dec. 24    | P. & O. S. N. Co        |                |           |
| Gazelle              | W. Green       | Prus. str. | 250  | Dec. 23    | Order                   |                |           |
| Gloria               | W. Piester     | Dut. sch.  | 177  | Dec. 27    | Bosman & Co             |                |           |
| Gothie               | W. West        | Brit. sh.  | 650  | Sept. 17   | A. Heard & Co           |                |           |
| Guanntanamo          | W. Ryancus     | Flag. sh.  | 109  | Nov. 14    | Reynvaan, Brothers & Co | For Sale       |           |
| Gustaf Adolf         | WC. Leithman   | Swed. bk.  | 301  | Nov. 27    | Russell & Co            | Havana         |           |
| Handy                | W. Raynaldide  | Siam. sh.  | 632  | Dec. 22    | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Helen                | W. Evans       | Brit. sh.  | 343  | Dec. 22    | Russell & Co            |                |           |
| Henry Darling        | W. Wilhel      | Brit. bk.  | 412  | Dec. 6     | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Hopeful              | W. Buttrey     | Brit. bk.  | 332  | Dec. 30    | A. Hogg & Co            |                |           |
| Jacques & Marie      | WC. Gelce      | Flag. bk.  | 316  | January 2  | Reynvaan Brothers & Co  | Saigon         | had       |
| James Guthrie        | W. Johnson     | Amer. sh.  | 830  | Dec. 25    | Order                   | Mauritius      |           |
| Jad Peter            | WC. Molson     | Prus. bk.  | 375  | Dec. 16    | Wm. Pustau & Co         |                |           |
| Jesey                | WC. Fullarton  | Brit. bk.  | 261  | Dec. 15    | Order                   |                |           |
| Johanna              | W. Steemann    | Irish. bk. | 393  | Dec. 26    | E. Schellhass & Co      |                |           |
| Josephine & Amelie   | W. Lazard      | Flag. sh.  | 143  | Dec. 16    | D. Derode Frères        |                |           |
| Joshua & Bates       | W. Syderif     | Brit. sh.  | 561  | Nov. 15    | Rozario & Co            |                |           |
| Julia                | W. Loo         | Dut. sh.   | 256  | Dec. 19    | E. Schellhass & Co      |                |           |
| Juno                 | W. Petersen    | Prus. sh.  | 194  | Dec. 9     | John Burd & Co          |                |           |
| Kim Yang Tai         | W. Lango       | Siam. bk.  | 320  | Dec. 25    | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Kingfisher           | W. Gibbons     | Amer. sh.  | 999  | Dec. 2     | Bosman & Co             | San Francisco  | Immediate |
| Lancaster            | R. Forbes      | Brit. bk.  | 517  | July 28    | Bourjau, Hubener & Co   | Yokohama       | Early     |
| Leamona              | W. Steinke     | Bren. sh.  | 390  | Nov. 20    | E. Schellhass & Co      | Singapore      |           |
| Liquira              | W. Fassa       | Ital. sh.  | 843  | Dec. 1     | Reynvaan, Brothers & Co | Below to Suez  |           |
| Lida                 | W. Opdohi      | Nor. sh.   | 877  | Dec. 22    | John Burd & Co          |                |           |
| Madone               | EC. Jagore     | Flag. bk.  | 459  | Dec. 14    | Reynvaan Brothers & Co  | Saigon         |           |
| Mandane              | W. Whittle     | Brit. sh.  | 637  | Sept. 15   | Order                   |                |           |
| Maria Luisa          | WC. Arcate     | Span. bk.  | 361  | Dec. 3     | Remedios & Co           |                |           |
| Maria Therese        | W. Bonneou     | Flag. bk.  | 502  | Dec. 12    | Carlowitz & Co          |                |           |
| Maria                | W. Klencke     | Bren. bk.  | 427  | Dec. 13    | E. Schellhass & Co      |                |           |
| Mary Ross            | W. Meissner    | Siam. sh.  | 559  | August 15  | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Maud Helen           | W. Thomas      | Amer. sh.  | 659  | Dec. 14    | A. Heard & Co           |                |           |
| Midura               | W. Wiese       | Hamb. sh.  | 512  | Dec. 29    | Remedios & Co           |                |           |
| Mornwa               | W. Caricas     | Span. bk.  | 297  | Dec. 25    | Remedios & Co           |                |           |
| Morning Star         | W. Schlut      | Siam. bk.  | 640  | Dec. 25    | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Nordia               | WC. Helfzelt   | Prus. bg.  | 189  | Dec. 20    | Arnhold Karberg & Co    |                |           |
| New Granada          | WC. Bauer      | Bren. sh.  | 350  | Dec. 20    | E. Schellhass & Co      | Saigon         |           |
| Nile                 | WC. Moss       | Brit. bk.  | 284  | Dec. 13    | Thomas Howard           |                |           |
| Oceanica             | W. Wright      | Brit. bk.  | 273  | Dec. 12    | Douglas Lapraik & Co    |                |           |
| Paradetta            | W. Andrews     | Brit. bk.  | 400  | Dec. 24    | Russell & Co            | Ningpo         | Immediate |
| Penang               | W. Petton      | Amer. sh.  | 583  | January 1  | Order                   |                |           |
| Prosperity           | W. Vorrath     | Siam. sh.  | 600  | Dec. 10    | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Queen of the Ocean   | W. Elliston    | Brit. sh.  | 670  | Dec. 26    | Borneo Company          | Bangkok        |           |
| Resolute             | W. Buziere     | Siam. sh.  | 856  | January 1  | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Richard Cobden       | W. Beschoff    | Prus. bk.  | 450  | Dec. 27    | Melchers & Co           |                |           |
| San Francisco        | W. Engelb      | Hamb. bk.  | 450  | Nov. 30    | Order                   |                |           |
| San Lorenzo          | W. Lara        | Span. bg.  | 222  | Dec. 25    | Remedios & Co           | Singapore      | Early     |
| Southern Eagle       | W. Pierce      | Amer. sh.  | 816  | Dec. 21    | Captain                 |                |           |
| Spartan              | K. Bedford     | Brit. bk.  | 213  | Dec. 24    | Captain                 |                |           |
| Stord                | WC. Kramer     | Nor. sh.   | 214  | Dec. 26    | John Burd & Co          |                |           |
| Sumatra              | E. Kusman      | Amer. sh.  | 1073 | July 29    | A. Heard & Co           |                |           |
| Surprise             | EC. Tanlett    | Amer. sh.  | 1005 | Dec. 10    | Smith, Archer & Co      |                |           |
| Tekil                | E. Kier        | Hamb. bk.  | 350  | Dec. 27    | Wm. Pustau & Co         |                |           |
| Telegraph            | W. Dethleffsen | Siam. sh.  | 300  | July 17    | Chinese                 |                |           |
| Tinoco               | EC. Howes      | Amer. sch. | 113  | Nov. 20    | Order                   |                |           |
| Twood                | E. Stuart      | Brit. sh.  | 1745 | Dec. 21    | Gibb, Livingston & Co   |                |           |
| Pycon                | W. Mutter      | Brit. bk.  | 352  | Nov. 24    | Gibb, Livingston & Co   |                |           |
| W. G. Russell        | WC. Jewett     | Brit. sh.  | 1243 | Dec. 20    | Captain                 | Java           | Immediate |
| W. Willcox           | W. Willcox     | Bren. sh.  | 206  | Dec. 11    | Melchers & Co           |                |           |
| Wilhelmina Frederika | W. Kostermann  | Dut. sh.   | 381  | October 26 | John Burd & Co          |                |           |
| Zwei Gebruder        | E. Sasse       | Prus. sh.  | 169  | Dec. 14    | Wm. Pustau & Co         |                |           |

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| Vessel's Name. | Captain. | Flag & Rig. | Tons. | Date of Arrival. | Consignees or Agents. | Destination. | Intended Despatch. |
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| (at Canton)    |          |             |       |                  |                       |              |                    |